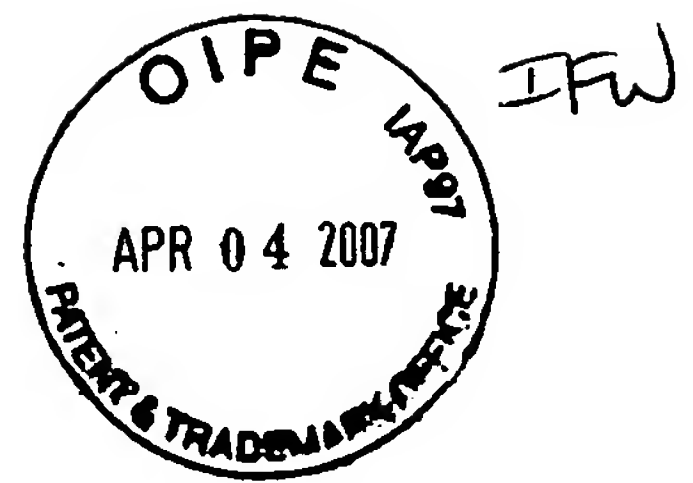


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- (1) WO 97/46285 A, December 11, 1997;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,744,549 (LUTZ), April 28, 1998; Applicants note that this document is a U.S. family member of document (1);
- (3) EP 0 812 891 A2, December 17, 1997;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,071,564 (MARCHETTI et al.), June 6, 2000 Applicants note that this document is a U.S. family member of document (3);
- (5) EP 0 848 023 A1, June 17, 1998; and

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Applicants further direct the attention of the Examiner to the following documents which are cited and discussed in the specification of the present application:

- (7) WO 92/21729 A1, December 10, 1992; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 1, line 24;
- (8) EP 0 587 667 B1, March 23, 1994; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 1, line 24; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7);
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,644,014 (SCHMIDT et al.), July 1, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (7) and (8);
- (10) DE 42 12 633 A1, October 21, 1993; and is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 11, line 19;
- (11) WO 93/21127 A1, October 28, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application on page 11, line 36; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (10);
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,593,781 (NASS et al.), January 14, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (10) and (11);
- (13) WO 96/31572 A1, October 10, 1996; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application on page 11, line 37;

- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,910,522 (SCHMIDT et al.), June 8, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (13);
- (15) WO 98/51747 A1, November 19, 1998; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 14, line 19;
- (16) DE 197 46 885 A1, June 24, 1999; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 14, line 20; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (15); and
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 6,291,070 B1 (ARPAC et al.), September 18, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (15) and (16).

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- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,620,514 B1 (ARPAC et al.), September 16, 2003; Applicants note that this document is the National Stage of PCT/EP99/02396 which published as WO 99/52964 on October 21, 1999.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications:

- (19) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0191505 A1 (AKARSU et al.), September 1, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a Continuation of PCT/EP03/07426, which published as WO 2004/005577 A2 on January 15, 2004; and

- (20) U.S. Patent Application 10/589,985 (ARPAC et al.), filed on January 7, 2005 and entitled, "Amphiphilic Nanoparticles"; Applicants note that this document is the National Stage of PCT/EP05/02023, which published as WO 2005/082514 on September 9, 2005.

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